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First, I've always been told that the first rule for when you're in a hole is to quit shoveling. No new development and re-development should add to the N or P, and ideally would employ low impact development strategies to actually reduce their impact. Given all the costs of growth in the Triangle, we can't afford development that will make us pay more in taxes to clean up after someone's bad choices.

Second, I would like to see more "micro-scale" best practices that homeowners can use. Obviously we all could do better when we spread fertilizer (I apply fertilizer and crabgrass stuff once a year, sweep up anything that doesn't land on the yard, etc). We also have wooded areas on our lot and flower gardens along much of our curb to capture our rainwater. I would like to try to do a Mangum terrace in the part of the yard that has a lot of run-off -- but can't find out anything about how to do one. Finally, my husband and I have been discussing whether my leaving leaf litter on the driveway is a good thing or not (it definitely slows the rain running off the driveway enough that a lot less gravel is eroded, but he says there are more nutrients in the water that does run off) -- you don't have to answer this, but it is the kind of information concerned homeowners could really use. I also don't see how you can put anything like this into rules, but maybe there could be recommendation of funding from the state for work on it?

Thanks for all your efforts on this,
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